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Anderson, Diane

Montana Family Foundation < communications@montanafamily.org > on behalfing fr: AF 09-0688

Elizabeth Stone <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:52 AM

To: Subject:

Court, SCclerk

Vote down the 8.4(g) rule change

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Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This will not help our judicial system. It will only hinder us. The court room is a place for justice, where feelings may be hurt but the truth will always come to the surface. If you take away the lawyer's ability to speak freely on "sensitive topics" whatever their belief, then you take away the powerful punch our system has. Further more it is a violation of the free exercise of religion, of freedom of speech, and freedom of the press. Whether a person agrees with the lawyer's belief is totally irrelevant to the case they are presenting. I ask you, please vote to reject this rule change.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Stone PO Box 8263 Kalispell, MT 59904-1263 vector1of3@aim.com



From:

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Sent:

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Subject:

Writing in Support of Christian Lawyers

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME
STATE OF MONTANT

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This rule is not only in violation of the free exercise of religion, but it is also in violation of the freedom of speech and of the press.

If you don't agree with a belief, it does not give you the right to disbar a lawyer for holding that belief. I hope and pray that you do the right thing.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brielle Larson 2601 Red River Dr Sidney, MT 59270-6020 (406) 480-0566 briellelarson@hotmail.com



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Subject:

estrictions on legal speech

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Ed Smith

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

How can a lawyer represent the position of those who hold that marriage is between a man and woman speak on their behalf should such be part of a defense in court? Will you let special imterests muzzle the right of others to exercise free speech in court? Isn't the court to represent all people in the persuit of justice? Would not this ruling pre-judge or prejudice the court against a significant part of the population in their own defense?

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. william pennimanbigskypenn@gmail.com PO Box 777 Ronan, MT 59864-0777 bigskypenn@gmail.com



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То:

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Subject:

Oppose Rule 8.4(g)

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Ed Smith
Clerk of the supreme court
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Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This rule would be a violation of the free exercise of religion. As well as the freedom of speech and that of the press. Lawyers should not be disbarred for holding a belief even if it is one you don't agree with.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Corinna Stone PO Box 8263 Kalispell, MT 59904-1263 ccs_mom@hotmail.com

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Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Pamela Lay <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

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To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

A Christian's right to practice law

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COUPT

STATE OF LIGHTAGE

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I truly believe that your duty as the Montana Supreme Court is to interpret our constitution & ensure that individual rights are not violated. It appears that this rule change 8.4(g) would do exactly that. A lawyer's individual beliefs cannot & should not be legislated by your court. The exercise of religion & the freedom of speech also extend to our lawyers.

I urge you to please reconsider this decision. Montana & the United States have governments based on certain freedoms. Please do not limit or hamper these ideals.

Sincerely,

Pamela Lay 57 Cutthroat LN Livingston, MT 59047 cutthroatlay@wispwest.net

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pamela Lay 57 Cutthroat Ln Livingston, MT 59047-9136 (406) 223-7836 cutthroatlay@wispwest.net



From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

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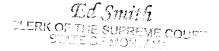
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RE: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

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Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003 FILED

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Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

The Supreme Court of The State of Montana

AF-0--0688

RE: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g) The very law you are all called to uphold is the very Law you are willing to break. You are going to zero in on Christian Lawyers for their right to have Freedom of belief which we founded this country on.

Our History of this Nation fought for civil rights even though our country was divided on the issue. You cannot fight prejudice with prejudice you must fight on the basis of Truth.

I ask you one question when God created this world he included you and me. Did He create 2 men or 2 women first to start multiplying this world? I only know of 1 women and 1 man! If you can prove it any other way, then and only then you may have a case to act upon. Your bias thoughts and action for passing this against someone who believes differently, just like Hitler did to 6 million Jews. They could not obliterate the Jews, then and cannot do it to the Christians today.

If I remember studying history so we don't repeat the same awful mistakes of the Past. Let me refresh your mind they tried this 2,000 years ago with Christians who believed the resurrection and told everyone to turn and repent from sin. They spoke the Truth to the King's of their day, to the Sadducees, Pharisees, high officials, and the people. Today it's our President, Representatives, Senators, Congress, Governors, Mayors, any elected official, and the people of our country. God is speaking threw Christians for this Nation to turn from sin and repent, because of the Love that God has for people and that does not exclude the Homosexual and Lesbians, it is the action of sin not the person. READ JOHN 3:16!

You will never quiet the true Christians from their stand on the Bible, nor can they quiet God!! They tried that with Jesus Christ. It will not work. The cause will grow ever greater. Aren't you aware of all the Christians that are being imprisoned, persecuted, and are killed today in other countries for doing the same thing that you are trying to pass by rulings and laws because of your prejudicial ideas. What kind of laws are you going to rule on in the future? This kind of laws are freighting to all people even those who believe in same sex marriages, because absolute power corrupts absolutely, and it can be against them also.

/s/ Michelle Farnsworth PO BOX431 Superior MT. 59872 drfarnsworth@msn.com I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Farnsworth PO Box 431 Superior, MT 59872-0431 (406) 822-5505 drfarnsworth@msn.com



From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

RomaLee Jones <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:52 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

Please Oppose Proposed Change to Rule 8.4

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I am gravely concerned about the Supreme Court's consideration to adopt a change to the "Rules of Professional Conduct," known as "Rule 8.4(g)," saying, if a lawyer says anything that might be deemed "discriminatory" on the basis of "sexual orientation" or "gender identity," that lawyer could be disbarred -- lose his license to practice law.

This rule is a violation of the free exercise of religion. It is a violation of the freedom of speech and of the press.

I urge the court not to adopt the proposed change to Rule 8.4 of the Professional Rules of Conduct.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. RomaLee Jones 8 River View Rd Park City, MT 59063-8050 rljones@basicisp.net

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From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Darlene Stover < communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

Freedom of speech for all

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I believe in the right as American citizens that is stated in our constitution stating the right of freedom of religion and free speech for all citizens of this nation. This is discrim inating against people with different view points and against christians who stand on the word of God. and also takes away the freedom of the press...or anyone who has a different viewpoint of others. Everyone in this great country is supposed to have freedom on free speech not just a chosen few. thank you for taking time to read this. sincerely Darlene Stover

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darlene Stover PO Box 104 Noxon, MT 59853-0104 (406) 847-2666 dstover@montana.com DEC 08 2016

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CLERK OF THE SUPPREME COURT



From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Gordy Bentz < communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

Rule 8.4

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear Honorable Members of the Court,

Lurge you to vote against rule 8.4. I feel that it is:

- 1. A threat to freedom of speech.
- 2. A threat to our freedom of religion.
- 3. A threat to the purpose of this count.
- 4. A threat to class warfare.
- 5. A threat to common sense.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gordy Bentz 3436 Winchell Ln Billings, MT 59102-4446 gobentz1@hotmail.com

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Anderson, Diane

From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Norma Peabody <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

rule change "8.4(g)."

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

As a Montana citizen and tax payer I am asking the Montana Supreme Court to opposes Rule "8.4(g)." for many reasons the lest of which is that it violates freedom of speech and free practice of religion.

My understanding is that you were elected on the Montana Supreme Court to enforce laws not rewrite them.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Peabody 834 Ash Creek Rd Terry, MT 59349-8601 theartrnch@gmail.com

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Charlotte Klein < communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:50 AM

To: Court, SCclerk

Subject: Oppose Rule Change 8.4(g)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This rule violates the free exercise of religion and freedom of speech.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charlotte Klein 3365 Dover Ln Billings, MT 59105-6008 charkle9@juno.com



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STATE OF MONTANA



From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Rachel Harp < communications@montanafamily.org >

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:50 AM

To: Court, SCclerk

Subject: Opposing proposed rule change

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I am voicing my disagreement with the proposed rule change 8.4 that would cause individuals to fear for their livelihood. An attorney should be allowed to hold and verbalize the religious beliefs they know as truth and not be bullied into having their rights of freedom of speech taken away to practice their profession. Please do not allow this change to take place simply to allegedly protect a terribly small percentage of our population's feelings while stealing the rights of the mass majority.

Thank you for considering my voice.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rachel Harp 4419 Loma Vista Dr Billings, MT 59106-1534 (406) 690-9105 rachel.harp21@gmail.com

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Ed Smith CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF LIGHTAGE



From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Tami

Sinnema < communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:20 AM

To: Subject: Court, SCclerk

Rule 8.4 (g)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear Honorable Ed Smith, I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4 (g). Please don't put this rule change into effect. I believe that even if you don't agree with a belief, lawyers ought not to be disbarred for holding it. This rule is a violation of the free exercise of religion and freedom of speech and of the press.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely, Tami Sinnema 3185 W. Cedar Meadow Lane Manhattan, MT 59741 tsinnema@aol.com

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tami Sinnema 3185 W Cedar Meadows Ln Manhattan, MT 59741-8255 (406) 282-7512 tsinnema@aol.com HAIL RED

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Barbara Beighle - Buchli <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:20 AM

To: Court, SCclerk

Subject: PLEASE reject Rule 8.4

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Accepting Rule 8.4 is only taking away more rights of Americans.

Montana used to be a state of morals, values, and Godly people. If a man can not stand up for what he believes in, if he can not chose a side but must bow down to the demoralization of our society and ways of others, especially if those ways are opposing to how he believes and what the Bible says, then his life is absent of rights and we are no longer a free country.

This country was founded on the Mayflower Compact, a covenant with God, dedicating this nation to God, to be a Nation for freedom of Religion, to not be suppressed by a Court of man, but to stand free in front of God's Court. When we die, we will all stand before God and be held accountable for our actions and words. If we are not for God, we are against him, and bring in the ways and plans of the devil to take our Nation and destroy it.

Tying a man's hands doesn't free him, it destroys him and his country.

If this law passes, you will then be a part of stripping away rights and demoralizing our once great country. Montana was one of the last few states that stood for something. My father was raised in Montana, he brought his wife there to raise his children up with old fashioned values since there are no values in the cities any more.

Please keep Montana sacred and Godly, then it will be blessed and so will you.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Beighle - Buchli 32229 S Finley Point Rd Polson, MT 59860-7711 bbbuchli@gmail.com MALAD

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From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Sheri

Cooper <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

Opposition to Rule 8.4(q)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This rule violates our constitutional rights!!
This rule is a violation of the free exercise of religion.
This rule is a violation of the freedom of speech and of the press.
Even if you don't agree with a belief, lawyers ought not to be disbarred for holding it.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheri Cooper 19 S Crestwood Dr Billings, MT 59102-5717 walkbyfaith27@aol.com

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

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From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Harry

Disney & Cathleen <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

re Rule 8.4(g)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to respectfully oppose the proposed rule change re A Speech Code for Lawyers (8.4(g).

It is clearly a violation of the free exercise of religion, speech & the press.

Lawyers ought NOT to be disbarred for holding beliefs different from others.

Our U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and thought.

A rule that threatens to discipline a lawyer for his or her speech on such issues should be rejected as a detriment to freedom of speech, free exercise of religion, and freedom of political belief in a diverse society.

For these and many other reasons we sincerely hope that the proposed rule change will not be made.

Dr. Harry & Cathleen Disney

2582 Bear Creek Rd.

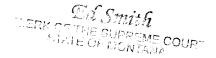
Libby, MT 59923

406-291-7817

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harry Disney & Cathleen 2582 Bear Creek Rd Libby, MT 59923-9577 (406) 291-7817 hddvm71@yahoo.com DEC 08 2016





From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

DAVID BILLET <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

RULE CHANGE

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Nothing could be further from the Constitutional freedom of speech as to disbar a lawyer from saying certain things. That is for any speech whether it is gender, or lifestyle or for discriminating against Muslims, Hindus, or Christians or Athiests. Accepting this change is nothing more than bullying from politically correct speech. Please do not vote for this rule change.

Respectfully, David Billet Hamilton, MT

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. DAVID BILLET
301 Bailey Ave
Hamilton, MT 59840-2905
(406) 363-7992
billetdjmt@hotmail.com



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Ed Smith

CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
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Anderson, Diane

From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Edith

Svenson < communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:50 AM

To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

this rule is a violation of the freedom of speech and of the press

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Ed Smith

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SLAVE OF MONTANA

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This kind of ruling is muzzling and takes away the freedom of an individual to speak his or her core values and undermines the free excerise of religion, which is protected under our US Constitution by our founding fathers. To disbar an individual because their core values are based upon Gods Word is bordering upon religious persecution and gross injustice!

Thank you for allowing me to express my core values.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Edith Svenson PO Box 72 Joplin, MT 59531-0072 (406) 292-3505 oees2011@hotmail.com

Anderson, Diane

From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org > on behalf of Kathi

McBride <communications@montanafamily.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:50 AM

To: Court, SCclerk

Subject: Silencing of Christians in the Practice of Law

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Please don't put these limits on our freedom of speech.

It is amazing how all people have the right to free speech and actions except for one group that is now out of fashion. What has happened to our culture that silences only one group.

Please reconsider Rule 8.4g and think more broadly for all people.

Thank you Kathi McBride

3101 Smoky Lane Billings MT 59102

katz petra@mac.com

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathi McBride 3101 Smokey Ln Billings, MT 59102-0857 katz petra@mac.com



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Anderson, Diane

From:

Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of

Richard Anderson <communications@montanafamily.org>

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To:

Court, SCclerk

Subject:

Rule 8.4

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Honorable Ed Smith P.O. Box 203003 Helena, MT 59620-3003 MILLED

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Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Even to a lay person as I, it is obvious that this rule is an attempt to limit free speech. If they(we) lose the right to express their(our) opinion, then the freedom to agree or descent is violated in the most extreme way as could be demonstrated. I urge you to reject this dangerous notion.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Anderson PO Box 103 Fromberg, MT 59029-0103 richt@sesrepair.com